

SIERRA NEVADA CASCADE GRANT PROGRAM **GUIDE RELEASED**

Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act 2000

The State of California's Resources Agency is pleased to announce the release of the Grant Guide for the Sierra Nevada Cascade Grant Program. This program is administered by the Agency to "assist local governments, agencies, districts, and nonprofit organizations, working in collaboration with those local governments, agencies, districts" and federally recognized California Indian tribes, "to plan, create and conserve the Sierra-Cascade natural ecosystem."

The guide and map of the geographic area covered by this program are available on the Agency website at www.resources.ca.gov/bond/.

Eligible Projects: Grant funds are awarded competitively for projects that qualify in the following areas: Rivers and Streams Projects (acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat to improve water quality, and to protect, restore, or rehabilitate watersheds, streams, wetlands, or other aquatic habitat); Trail Projects (acquisition, construction, development, restoration, or enhancement) and educational or interpretive nature trails; Natural Resource-based Capital Improvements that provide park and recreational opportunities; and Acquisitions of parklands or recreational facilities.

Eligible Applicants: Cities; counties; regional park or open-space districts formed under Article 3, Section 5780 of the Public Resources Code; recreation and park districts formed under Chapter 4, Section 35100 of the Public Resources Code, and any district authorized to provide park, recreational, or open-space services, except a school district; local agencies formed for park purposes; nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized California Indian tribes.

Amount of Funds Available: \$3,302,225. This is a one-time allocation.

Key Dates:

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| • Grant Application Deadline | February 1, 2002 |
| • Grant Award Date | August 1, 2002 |
| • Grant Agreements Signed | September 3, 2002 |
| • Completed Project Documentation Deadline | May 3, 2004 |

A hard copy of the guide can be requested by calling Cyndy Paulsen at (916) 653-5656.

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